

REMARKS

Claims 16, 18-32 and 38-42 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, rejected claims 1-5, 7, 8, and 10-15 have been canceled. The Applicants respectfully request entry of this Amendment.

Claims 1-5, 7, 8 and 10-15 were rejected as set forth the final Office Action. By this Amendment, Applicants have canceled claims 1-5, 7, 9 and 10-15. Therefore, the rejection of claims 1-5, 7, 9 and 10-15 is rendered moot.

Claims 16, 18-32, and 38-42 were previously allowed.

In conclusion, the Applicants believe that the application is in condition for allowance and request that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees to Deposit Account No. 02-1818.

Respectfully submitted,

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